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The reply filed on September 13, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: the amended claim format is not proper. Specifically, claim 8 fails to include a designator with regard to the status of the claim, i.e. "(currently amended)". Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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